

REMARKS

Claims 4, 7-9, 12-13, 46, 49-51 and 54-75 are pending, with claims 4, 9, 46, 51, 60, 64, 68 and 72 being independent. Claims 5, 6, 10, 11, 47, 48, 52, and 53 have been canceled, claims 4, 9, 46 and 51 have been amended, and claims 60-75 have been added. No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 5, 6, 10, 11, 47, 48, 52, 53 and 56-59 recite allowable subject matter. In view of this, claims 4, 9, 46, and 51 have been amended to include the features of claims 5, 10, 47, and 52, respectively. In addition, new independent claims 60, 64, 68 and 72 correspond to allowable claims 6, 11, 48, and 53.

Claims 4, 7-9, 12, 13, 46, 49-51, 54 and 55 have been rejected as unpatentable over Komiya (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002-0105493) in view of Hiroki (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001-0017683). Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection in view of the amendment of independent claims 4, 9, 46, and 51 to include the allowable features of claims 5, 10, 47, and 52.

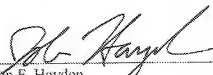
Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

The fee in the amount of \$790 for the request for continued examiner (RCE) is being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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